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SUBJ: FIVE MORE JANUARY 15 DETAINEES RELEASED

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1. IN FIRST OF GROUP RELEASES RECENTLY PROJECTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (REFTEL), FIVE JANUARY 15 DETAINEES WERE FREED DECEMBER 31 ACCORDING TO JANUARY 2 ANNOUNCEMENT BY JAKARTA PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. TOTAL OF RELEASED DETAINEES NOW SIX, INCLUDING LAWYER YAP THIAM HIEN PREVIOUSLY FREED DECEMBER 24 (REFTEL).

2. GROUP CONSISTED OF: AMINUDDIN SH (NOT IDENTIFIED IN PRESS REPORTS BUT PROBABLY FORMER ORGANIZER FOR GOLKAR ISLAMIC FRONT GUPPI); R. DJUCHRO SUMITRADILAGA (IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER OF PEOPLE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY-- MPR-- AND LISTED IN MPR DIRECTORY AS A PROVINCIAL DELEGATE; DJUCHRO IS PROBABLY ARMY COL., FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF OF BANDUNGWJBASD SILIWANGI DIVISION); SALIM KADAR (LABOR LEADER AT JAKARTA'S TANJUNG PRIOK PORT AND FORMER CHAIRMAN, PORT WORKERS' UNION); BENNIE AKBAR FATAH

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AND RUDY ANTONIUS SIMATUPANG (NEITHER OF WHOM OTHERWISE

IDENTIFIED BY AUTHORITIES OR PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY
AS BEING UNDER DETENTION).

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO
STATE HOW LONG ANY OF RELEASED GROUP HAD BEEN UNDER
DETENTION, WHETHER FURTHER RELEASES WOULD FOLLOW, OR HOW
MANY JANUARY 15 DETAINEES REMAIN IN CUSTODY. AS IN CASE
OF YAP, SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT INTERROGATION AND INVESTIGATIONS
HAD DISCLOSED NO REASON FOR TRIAL OR FURTHER
DETENTION OF RELEASED GROUP.

4. COMMENT: AMINUDDIN AND KADAR (FORMER LEADER OF
CONSERVATIVE MOSLEM UNION SARBUMUSI) BOTH MOSLEM FIGURES
INVOLVED IN GOLKAR-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES; DJUCHRO
ALSO HAD GOLKAR CONNECTIONS AND ADDITIONALLY WAS ONE OF
HIGHEST RANKING OF KNOWN MILITARY DETAINEES. IF RELEASES
TO DATE HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF CONTINUING
GOI INVESTIGATION OF JANUARY 15 EPISODE (WHICH STILL FAR
FROM CLEA), THEY SUGGEST THAT WIDER ASPECTS OF
CONSPIRACY THEORY RELATING TO GOLKAR AND MILITARY PARTICI-
PATION MAY BE BEING DOWNPLAYED IN FAVOR OF CONCENTRATION
ON MORE VENERABLE GOI BETES NOIRES, BANNED SOCIALIST
AND MASJUMI PARTIES. RELEASES ARE IN ANY EVENT GOOD
NEWS SUGGESTING THAT GOI TRYING TO MAKE GOOD ON ITS
ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO SETTLE JANUARY 15 CASES BY TRIAL
OR RELEASE WITHIN ONE YEAR DETENTION PERIOD PERMITTED
UNDER LAW AND THAT MORE "PERIPHERAL" DETAINEES MAY BE
RELEASED OVER COMING WEEKS. UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER
GOI PLANS RELEASE ANY OF STUDENT DETAINEES IN NEAR
FUTURE, DESPITE ANTICIPATION OF SOME OF STUDENTS'
FAMILIES THAT THEY MIGHT BE RELEASED FOLLOWING TESTIMONY
AT SIREGAR TRIAL.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM SFRC STAFF MEMBERS
MOOSE AND MEISSNER OF YAP AND KADAR RELEASES; BOTH
NAMES WERE INCLUDED ON LIST OF DETAINEES GIVEN TO
MOOSE/MEISSNER DURING RECENT VISIT JAKARTA, AND BOTH
ARE AMONG MORE PROMINENT FIGURES IN DETAINEE GROUP.
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